

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for supplying digital files to [[the]] a customer via a data communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a recordable medium to a customer,
- (b) registering details of the customer and the recordable medium in a data bank,
- (c) receiving a customer request to supply one or more digital files from a remote client terminal associated with the customer via the data communication network,
- (d) authenticating the recordable medium and the identity of the customer, and
- (e) if authentication is successful, supplying the requested one or more digital files from the data bank to [[a]] the client terminal via the data communications network, wherein the client terminal is configured to record the one or more digital files ~~for recordal~~ on the recordable medium.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium is a recordable DVD.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the recordable DVD is connected to the client terminal by a recordable DVD drive.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the digital files are music files or other video, audio or data content.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium supplied to the customer includes one or more pre-recorded digital files.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium includes a recordable medium identifier.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, further comprising:
registering the recordable medium identifier and the customer details in the data bank in step (b), and

detecting the recordable medium identifier from the recordable medium in step (d).

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the customer details include a customer name and password.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein step (d) includes:
receiving customer entered validation data, and
comparing the validation data to the customer name and password stored in the data bank.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the data bank is maintained by a predetermined content supplier.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, further comprising:
receiving the customer request in step (c) at an intermediary server;
identifying the predetermined content supplier, and
directing the customer request to the data bank of that predetermined content supplier.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium includes a content supplier identifier.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, comprising:
identifying the predetermined content supplier by detecting the content supplier identifier at the intermediary server.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
issuing the manufacturer and retailer with unique identifying codes.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
processing customer payment for the one or more digital files.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment is processed when the recordable medium is provided to the customer.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment relates to the pre-recorded digital files only.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment relates to the pre-recorded digital files and one or more digital files supplied in step (e).

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment processed when a customer request is received in step (c).

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
providing the customer with notification of one or more digital files able to be supplied from the data bank.

21-22. (Canceled).

23. (Previously Presented) Computer software stored on a readable medium for use with a content server forming part of the system for supplying digital files to a customer via a data communications network, the content server including a processing unit and associated memory device for storing the computer software, wherein the computer software acts to cause the content server to carry out a method according to claim 1.